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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

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1. I DISCUSSED ZAIRE IN SOME DETAIL WITH FONMIN MWALE, HOME
AFFAIRS MINISTER MILNER AND DEFENSE FORCE CHIEF, GENERAL
CHINKULI IN CONVERSATIONS DURING AND AFTER RECEPTION FOR
PODGORNY SATURDAY NIGHT. NONE OF THEM HAD BEEN AWARE OF THE FALL
OF MUTSHATSHA OR GENERAL SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION. ALL WERE
CONSIDERABLY SOBERED BY IMPLICATIONS FOR ZAMBIA. MILNER AND
CHINKULI WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT. (I DESCRIBED
THE INVADING FORCE AS WELL TRAINED, WELL SUPPLIED AND WELL
EQUIPPED FROM WHICH FACTS THEY COULD DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS.)

2. WITH MWALE I DISCUSSED OUR POSITION AND THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS
MADE ON NIGERIAN MEDIATIONS EFFORTS OF WHICH HE WAS UNAWARE. I
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ASKED HE EXAMINE WHAT SUPPORT ZAMBIA COULD GIVE PUBLICLY AND
PRIVATELY. MWALE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME EARLIER (REFTEL
C) THAT ZAMBIANS HAD URGED ZAIRIAN SPECIAL EMISSARY LENGEMA
TO BRING CASE BEFORE THE OAU. THIS TIME MWALE ADDED THAT ZAMBIA
WAS HEAD OF OAU MEDIATION COMMITTEE. GRZ HAD TOLD LEGEMA
THAT IF MATTER BROUGHT TO COMMITTEE IT WOULD BE QUITE PREPARED
TO EXERCISE ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN CAPACITY AS MEDIATOR. MWALE

SAID HE WOULD STUDY MATTER AND SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. LOW

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